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## Tragedy in Anderson.

### Girl's Admirer Kills her Father in Self-Defense.

Greensville special in Monday's Observer: Thomas F. Drake, a prominent and wealthy farmer, was shot and killed at his home, four miles from Anderson, last midnight by J. Allen Emerson. The trouble responsible for the tragedy is said to have grown out of Emerson's intimacy with Drake's daughter.

According to the story which reaches here from Anderson Drake had learned in some way of Emerson's visits to his daughter. At midnight, evidently sure of his man, Drake opened the door of his daughter's bed-room and without a word opened fire on Emerson, who was in the room with Miss Drake. The father's aim was bad and his shots went wild. Emerson, at the first shot, pulled his pistol and fired, killing Drake instantly. Emerson then surrendered.

Drake was 50 years old and one of the most prominent planters of that section. He leaves a family. Emerson is 40 and a widower.

### Denounced Judge from the Scaffold.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 10.—Earle Fletcher, colored, who was hanged here today for the murder of Bob Paine, a fellow convict at Flat Top mines, created a scene by denouncing Judge S. L. Weaver from the scaffold just before the drop fell. Fletcher declared that the judge had granted a habeas corpus to John Williams, a white man, and saved Williams' neck. But when it came to his (Fletcher's) case the court went fishing. Fletcher said that "going fishing" was given as an excuse for the judge to leave town to avoid granting a habeas corpus.

### Vann Plyler's Wounds Result Fatally.

Monroe special in Charlotte Observer: Vann Plyler, who was shot by Jack Stewart on Wednesday last, died this morning at the home of his father, Ransom Plyler, in Buford township. As was feared by the physicians from the first, blood poisoning set in as the result of the nature of the wound. Stewart has disappeared, but officers are after him and expect to catch him soon, as he could not have gone far.

### Jacksonham Club to Meet.

All who expect to vote in the approaching primary at Jacksonham precinct are requested to meet Jacksonham school house next Saturday afternoon, August 18th, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of completing the Democratic club roll.

G. W. Williams, Pres.

## More of Uncle Sam's Soldiers Killed in Philippines.

Manila, Aug. 11.—First Lieutenant John F. James and two privates of the Eighth Infantry, Contract Surgeon Calvin Snyder, and Internal Revenue Collector Williams, of Illinois, were killed yesterday in a hand to hand fight with Pulajanes at Julita, Island of Leyte.

The detachment of ten men were greatly outnumbered, but made a gallant fight. The Pulajanes captured three pistols, four rifles and three hundred rounds of ammunition.

### Candidate for Gov. Blease Denies that he Was Lanahan's Agent.

Union special in Charleston Sunday News:—Senator Cole L. Blease says that he is not the high official whom Whiskey Dealer Lanahan, of Baltimore, said he had as his representative in this State to secure for his concern its share of the State dispensary business. Mr. Blease produced affidavits in support of his assertion. The affidavits were signed by Mr. Lanahan, of Baltimore, and each of the State dispensary board, H. H. Evans, L. W. Boykin, John Bell Towill and the members of the board elected by the last Legislature, to the effect that he, Blease, had not directly or indirectly solicited business for Lanahan or of the State board.

### The Haskell-Jones Incident, Again.

Columbia special in Greenville News: Another chapter to the Haskell-Jones controversy over Haskell's statement that he heard Gen. Jones' brother-in-law, William H. Caldwell, say Lanahan paid for the repairs of Gen. Jones' residence, was contributed from the Jones side today in the form of this telegram, which explains itself.

"Clio, California, August 9.

"General Willie Jones: The man making the statement about me tells a direct falsehood. I will make oath that I never heard of Lanahan before.

(Signed)

"William H. Caldwell."

### Horrible Crime of a Texas Farmer.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 12.—J. W. O. Wilder, a farmer, residing half a mile from Jom Bean, a small town, six miles from Sherman, beat his wife's brains out with a flat iron, this afternoon, and shot himself with a shotgun. The charge entered the left side, disembowling Wilder. He will die. Three small children witnessed the crime of their father.

## New Orleans Crop Reporter's Opinion as to Cotton Conditions.

Columbia Record: Mr. D. C. Fitch, correspondent for DeBuys & DeBouise, cotton exporters of New Orleans, is in the city on a trip through the belt. Mr. Fitch's territory includes the entire cotton belt. From here he will go into Georgia and North Carolina to investigate the reports of crop damages. He has been traveling through the cotton belt in his present capacity for several years.

In speaking of crop conditions yesterday, Mr. Fitch said:

"I would say that the cotton crop in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi is in splendid condition. Also Oklahoma and Indian Territory, with the exception to be noted that the crops in the last two named territories is late and that therefore considerable depends on the date of the frosts. No doubt the South Atlantic states have suffered considerably from too much rain, but there is a goodly proportion that is in very good condition. Taken as a whole, I think there will be a fair average crop in the South Atlantic states."

### Want Cheatham Put Out.

Spartanburg special in News and Courier: The Cotton Growers' Association, of this county, at a meeting held today unanimously passed resolutions requesting the executive committee of the South Cotton Growers Association to cut off the head of Secretary Cheatham, because of the recent developments brought in Atlanta, concerning his relations with bucket shops.

### A Model Chester County Farmer.

Chester Lantern: Mr. Joe B. Wylie, of Richburg, says that he has the best crop this year he has ever had. Last year he made 50 bales of cotton from 37 acres, this year he expects to gather 60 bales from 36 acres. He has 25 acres of corn this year which will make enough corn to supply the whole plantation next year. Mr. Wylie owns some of the finest land in the county. He has 500 acres to sell for \$40.00 per acre, but not for less. He has been offered \$37.50. He is not anxious, however, to dispose of his land, for it renders him ample return. Last year he realized \$2,250 from his farms, which is a little over 10 per cent, counting the 500 acres worth \$40.00 per acre. Mr. Wylie raises everything that one needs, not devoting his entire attention to the cultivation of cotton; and he has everything in the way of domestic animals except sheep and goats.

## Farmer Killed in Runaway.

Boston, Ga., 12.—J. G. Miller, a prominent citizen of this community, was instantly killed yesterday by being thrown from his buggy. He was returning from his farm and had his family with him when his horses were frightened by a part of the harness breaking. He was thrown against a tree and his neck broken. Mrs. Miller was seriously injured and also one of his children.

### A Fiend's Work.

Camden, N. J., 12.—A posse headed by the sheriff is searching for a negro burglar who, early today, attacked Gracino Magia, an Italian farmer living near Woodbury, and criminally assaulted Magia's wife, after compelling her to give him her savings, \$700. Magia was beaten into insensibility and is dying at the hospital here. His wife is in a critical condition at her home.

### South Carolina's First Bale—From Bamberg, as Usual.

Bamberg special in Saturday's State: For the fifth consecutive year Bamberg markets the first bale of new cotton. Today Mr. H. C. Folk shipped by express a new bale of cotton to Messrs. Pope & Fleming, cotton factors of Augusta, Ga. The bale weighed 400 pounds. It will probably be auctioned off.

Abe Simmons, who works a farm for Mr. Folk, has become known as the grower of the first bale and it has become a regular thing for him to carry off the honors. In 1903 the first bale was shipped to Charleston on August 3; in 1904 the bale was sent to Charleston, August 13; last year was the record year, the bale being shipped six days earlier than this year, August 4, weighed 425; it was consigned to Messrs. F. W. Wagner & Co., and was sold to the Goldsmith Mercantile company at auction for 13 cents.

### Leader of Lynchers Gets Fifteen Years.

Salisbury special in Charlotte Observer: George Hall, the ex-convict who led the lynchers Monday night, was tried before Judge B. F. Long in the Rowan county court house here today for conspiracy, found guilty and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary, the jury being out but a few minutes.

Mrs. N. C. Moore left yesterday for Atlanta, to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. O. London. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Blanche Moore, who will spend about ten days in Atlanta.

Mrs. M. J. Cook is visiting relatives at Lancaster.—Kershaw Era.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Johnnie Perry, white, was convicted in Saluda Saturday of manslaughter and sentenced to 5 years in penitentiary. He killed another white man, J. D. Willie. . . . Drew Dobbins of Jennings, La., committed suicide Saturday, after shooting at his wife and baby without hitting either. . . . Mr. Wm Vandiver, while trying to stop a runaway mule in Spartanburg Saturday, was dragged through the streets and one of his eyes knocked out. . . . Cornelia Hunt, a colored woman, committed suicide in Greenville by throwing herself into a deep well. . . . A freight train was wrecked Saturday between Blacksburg and Gaffney, 13 cars being demolished, but no one hurt. . . . Dr. R. J. Brevard, a prominent physician of Charlotte, died Saturday. . . . An unknown man emptied his pistol into a crowd at Coney Island Monday, shooting down five persons. . . . Jack McMullan, colored, was killed by lightning Monday, while standing alone on a flat car near Union, S. C. . . . Two white boys, Lum West and Ollie Ponder, have been arrested in Spartanburg, charged with the whipping of Mrs. Harriet Coburn, the woman, who was last not yet been found. . . . Young Virgie Funderburk, son of Mr. C. G. Funderburk, of the vicinity of Charlotte, accidentally shot and killed his little sister, Della, Monday. . . . Returns of Union, N. C. primary, held last Saturday, are not in. Stevens is probably nominated for the House. Price and Bivens may go into second primary. Redwine nominated for Senate.

### The Monument Fund—Ladies Continue to Contribute One Dollar, Each.

The Honor Roll is still increasing, and we hope to get the name of every lady in Lancaster county on it, to go down in History. The Treasurer is just waiting for new names to add to the list—Give your name and one dollar for Confederate Monument.—Following received since last publication of names:

Mrs. Mary E. Mathis, Nor-way, S. C., paid \$1.00  
Mrs. Oiver Blackmon, Lancaster, S. C., paid 1.00  
Mrs. W. S. L. Porter, Lancaster, S. C., paid \$1.00  
Mrs. Ike Hunter, Lancaster, S. C., paid 1.00  
Mrs. Will Reed, Lancaster, S. C., paid 1.00  
Mrs. W. P. Bennett, Lancaster, S. C., paid 1.00  
A Friend, Lancaster, S. C., paid 1.00  
Mrs. M. E. Canthen, Treasurer L. C. U. D. C.

Col. L. C. Hough, of Kershaw, spent Monday night and yesterday in Lancaster.